

RE: Blockages at Canada/US border

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Evening Everyone-

Minister Champagne just spoke with his US counterpart- Commerce Secretary Raimondo. Including a readout below for information. Please feel free to touch base should there be any questions.

Regards
Peter

Readout of Call between Minister Champagne and Commerce Secretary Raimondo

FPC:

- Hi how are you

GR:

- Good how are you!

FPC:

- Lot happening this week.
- Personal Info. [REDACTED] and remembered I should talk with you.

GR:

- Things are moving along, eager to come visit and see you.

- Wanted to chat about the situation on the bridge.
- What are your plans? Can I help?

FPC:

- Thanks for being flexible.
- Considering the situation and how its evolved, Thought it was good touch base.
- Talked with many company's in the auto sector.
- I would say what started as a protest, now its something else.
- 3 division of RCMP involved in Ottawa operations.
- What's happening is unacceptable, need to impose the law.
- Had some jurisdiction issues in the past, but we are opening an integrated command centre to ensure everyone has the resources that they need and to ensure that we are part of the action plan.
- Said as much to the US ambassador yesterday
- When things evolved to include ambassador bridge, this was the red line for us.
- This is when we stepped up, we respect right to protest, but from my perspective for law and order we wont let people disturb supply chains.
- Pushed the provincial government to take action, province stepped up and declared emergency and that gives police powers to deal with the protesters and remove them.
- Pleased to see offer of your administration.
- If there is anything you think Gina, that we could do together to reassure folks, have people show up in Detroit, joint round tables so that people know we are working on this and to ensure people this will never happen again, I am really in favour of that.
- We take this seriously, PM was out today and all hands on deck. Now with emergency powers, we have way forward to deal with this.
- Colleagues have talked with treasury, money coming from US, so as liberal democracies we have to be on the watch, to see how see how peaceful protests turned into radical elements financed from different places.

GR:

- I don't envy you. I have gone through this kind of thing as Governor during COVID, often these are funded by outside political operations. I don't know if that is what this is, but you def have hands full
- Two questions.
- First, How do you think these emergency powers will be used

FPC:

- To be clear, concerned for liberal democracies, need to watch where the money is coming from. To see who is inciting these people.
- To your point, on the emergency power, will allow extraordinary measures, seizure of vehicles and much higher fines.
- It's a small group of people who are creating serious issues. The suggestion there would not be enough police force is not the case. We have 1000's of officers on stand by. Want to do it but also deescalate.

GR:

- Second question is, if you had to guess based on everything you know and are doing, when do you think this will be cleared up, such that trade can continue and trucking could continue.
- Honestly that all I care about at the moment

FPC:

- I would love to provide more details, but I just want to review the plan that the province is putting in place, there is a new plan being put in place.
- OPP and RCMP backing them up, but I would like to get the latest to give you more accurate information. I could text you or send you something, based on the latest.
- I was told people were moving in at some stage today, but I would like to get a better read first.

GR:

- You have your hands more than full, don't feel you need to get back to me if you don't have time, but give me a buzz if you want to chat.

- Sounds like you are going to mobilize the necessary peaceful force to get this under control
- Sounds like next week you should have this under control

FPC:

- We were pushing province, as a governor you would understand that. We come with federal assets, but they needed to ask.
- They tried to protest in QC and it didn't last more than a day. Different jurisdictions handle things differently.
- After the call with the premier, my own reading that is that this prompted the province to take action. They understood if they didn't act we would. Now we have the integrated command to work together to take care of this.
- If you want us to do something to reassure folks, if I come and we do something to assure folks that things are fine and this won't happen again, I will do that.
- I want to reassure our supply chain that we are doing all we can and are happy to come if that is helpful.

GR:

- Lets get through the weekend and see how it goes. Maybe your team could update my team early next week on what those steps would be. What steps that you will take so this won't happen again.
- My instinct is that it's not necessary for you to come to Detroit.
- But let's connect again next week.

FPC:

- If things return to normal, then I don't think there will be further issues

GR:

- Things could blow over by next week it sounds

FPC:

- Without having seen the operational plan, I think by the weekend we will be ok, by next Friday from what I know we won't be having this issue.

- Then we can get on with our normal thing. I will check the best estimate for that and will have my team get back to your team.
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- Then we can plan to see each other as we were planning, there are a few things going on, on so many fronts.

GR

- Personal Info. [REDACTED] want you to be healthy.

FPC

- I miss you, we should try to get together soon. I will try to get more granular info for you.
- Appreciate the last minute call
- If you think there are folks who need calls to reassure, then let me know

GR:

- Best of luck and talk soon

FPC:

Bye

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Update as of 2022-02-11 1600 ET

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

Ontario:

Media reports: The Premier of Ontario announced on Feb 11, 2022 that the province is declaring a state of emergency in response to convoy protests. Cabinet will be convened to urgently enact orders to protect critical infrastructure, such as border crossings, 400 series highways, airports, bridges, and railways.

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 1400 ET, protest activity has increased not insignificantly, with multiple pedestrians milling about. Music has resumed. Vehicles have begun movement to open a single lane from the bridge.
- SOR reporting indicates that as of 1115 ET, Windsor Police are working with the protesters, advised that the protesters have agreed to open a lane of traffic into Canada, however, Windsor Police are not ready to do that as there are a pub in the area to do it safely at this time. Windsor is working with the protesters to open the lane and make it safe for traffic and protesters.
- As of 1405ET, Windsor Tunnel reports 15 min border wait times for commercial vehicles.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- As of 1400 ET, truck traffic is expected to continue to increase throughout the day as traffic is diverted from the Ambassador bridge which remains closed. Currently truck traffic volumes are increasing and expected to keep growing throughout the day shift and into the evening.
- As of 1451 ET there is a 3 hrs BWT for commercial and no delay for travellers.

Peace Bridge

- As of 1330 ET, there are two protestor vehicles close to the main employee entrance. There has been no contact or interaction with CBSA personnel. Staff have been briefed as to expected behaviour, not to engage, and to report interaction to CBSA Management.
- As of 1510 ET there is a 31 min BTW for commercial and 8 min delay for travellers.

Pigeon River

- As of 11:28 ET on Feb 11, Pigeon River planned protest for Feb 12, 2022. OPP has been in contact with protest organizers. At present there are no plans to blockade the POE or highway. Protesters will meet at InterCity Mall in Thunder Bay at 1100 ET tomorrow and proceed down Highway 61 in a "slow roll." OPP will manage the protest.

Emerson:

- As of 1500 ET, it was reported that I29 Highway on the US side was closed. USCBP is not allowing any vehicles to proceed southbound passed the POE so all vehicles are staging on the North Bound US commercial highway or CBSA parking area. Highway visibility and road conditions continue to be problematic.

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		demonstration on Feb 13 from 1300 to 1600 (unconfirmed) • Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests
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Hi everyone,

For awareness attaching a letter here that will be going out later today from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. They are still finalizing signatories.

Cheers,
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Ambassador Bridge

- Bridge remains closed to Canada-bound traffic.
- Protest activity has remained relatively the same. At approximately **03:30 ET** Windsor Fire attended the Huron Church/College blockade to put out a burn barrel that some of the protesters were standing around.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- The blockade still in place on the **402 Hwy between Nauvoo Rd. and Forest Rd.**
- As of 0514 ET there are no border wait times at the BWB.

Various Canadian Airports

- On February 10, Toronto Police have advised there is potential for the ongoing trucker protests to shift attention and target Canadian airports **on February 11 starting at noon**. The information came from post on Twitter indicating to "Join us - Feb 11 - Airports - Montréal – Toronto – Winnipeg – Regina – Calgary – Edmonton – Vancouver".

Emerson:

- As of 1758 ET **on Feb 10**, the protest blockade north of the Emerson POE on Hwy 75, remains in place.
- A border alert was sent in the evening of Feb 10 to inform subscribers of the blockade at Emerson and to provide alternate crossings for commercial services.
- Comms products were also released including a Media Release.

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